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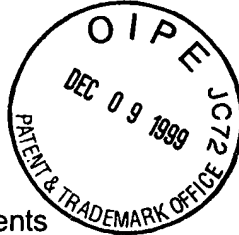
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- A. U.S. Patent No. 4,484,733 entitled "PROGRAMMABLE PACKAGING GRID INCLUDING GRIPPER CONVEYOR MONITORING SYSTEM" issued to Loos, et al on November 27, 1984.
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- C. U.S. Patent No. 5,367,450 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTING OPTIONAL INSERTS WITH OPTIMAL VALUE IN AN INSERTING MACHINE" issued to Leon A. Pinstov on November 22, 1994.
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1. ☐ Any copy of the items listed above and on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement was previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior ☐ Continuation, ☐ Divisional or ☐ Continuation in part application filed under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.53 or 1.60, U.S. Serial No. _____, filed _____.
2. ☐ For each of the following items listed above and on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, a European Search Report from a counterpart European application is enclosed. Such items are marked as reference letter(s): _____.
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4. ☐ In addition to the citations listed above, applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent applications, which are commonly assigned to the assignee of the instant application, and which may be deemed pertinent to the instant application:

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider and independently ascertain the teachings and relevance of those applications with respect to the instant application.

5. ☒ No fee is believed to be due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with:
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- b. this document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.
- c. the fee due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) which is paid as set forth in paragraph 11 below.

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